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June 12, 2003

Michael Faulkenberry, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

**Subject: 2003 Standard Natural Gas Inspections**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has the authority to enforce the minimum safety regulations per Chapter 480-93 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) pertaining to the construction, maintenance and operation of pipelines transporting natural gas in the state of Washington. In addition, the Commission adopts the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 49 Part 191 and 192.

Between April 2003, and May 2003, Commission pipeline safety staff (Staff) conducted a pipeline safety inspection of Avista facilities and operations in Spokane, Ritzville, Clarkston, and Goldendale, Washington. During these inspections, Staff found no violations of state or federal pipeline safety regulations.

Staff would like to note the improvement over previous inspections, which resulted in no violations having been noted. Staff believes that this is a direct result of Avista's increased commitment to pipeline safety. Staff would also like to thank Avista's personnel for their professionalism in working with Commission Staff during the inspection process.

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If you have any questions or if Staff may be of any assistance, please contact Scott Rukke at (360) 664-1241 or Kim West at (360) 664-1319.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Steve King

Acting Pipeline Safety Director